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SUBJ: ENERGY:OPTIMISM OVER BOMBAY HIGH WORRIES

OFFSHORE AND ONGC

1. OFFSHORE INTERNATIONAL LOCAL MANAGER L.T. GARRETT INDICATED
XIBONRPN#OFFICER APRIL 3 THAT CONTINUED OPTIMISTIC REPORTS OVER
OIL AT BOMBAY HIGH ARE MATTER OF SOME CONCERN TO BOTH OFFSHORE
AND ONGC. BOTH GARRETT AND ONGC REPS HERE RECOGNIZE THAT
BOMBAY HIGH PROSPECTS, WHILE STILL VERY INDEFINITE, ARE ONE OF
FEW BRIGHT SPOTS IN OTHERWISE GLOOMY ECONOMIC PICTURE

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AND THAT GOI EXPLOITS THE OPERATION FOR ALL IT IS WORTH.

2. GARRETT EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS STILL MUCH TOO EARLY TO ASSESS BOMBAY HIGH PROSPECTS. PRESENT HOLD IS DOWN TO 1671 METERS, AND RESULTS ARE JUST NOT YET CONCLUSIVE. HE SAID GOI STATEMENT INDICATING OIL FROM BOMBAY HIGH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER ARE "OBVIOUSLY RIDICULOUS".

3. FYI GARRETT INDICATED SOME WEAR AND TEAR AFTER HIS ALMOST ONE YEAR IN INDIA. HE INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER THAT FRUSTRATIONS OF OPERATING HERE EXCEED ANYTHING HE ENCOUNTERED IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN EGYPT AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN ANGOLA. HE DID NOT DETAIL HIS DIFFICULTIES BUT DID SAY THAT HE AND ALL OFFSHORE STAFF MEMBERS MUST WORK CONSIDERABLY HARDER HERE FOR LESS RESULTS THAN WAS THE CASE IN EITHER EGYPT OR ANGOLA. END FYI. EXEMPT BANE

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